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For CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)	Filing Date January 6, 2000
TRANSMITTAL	First Named Inventor: Rao
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(Revised 09/2003)	Attorney Docket No. 5718-16B (35718/193735)

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked
i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
ii.  Other
⊠ Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply
ii.  Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
iii. M Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); 25 of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
iv.   Other Copy of Recorded Assignment and Replacement Drawings (9 sheets)
<u>iscellaneous</u>
Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)  Other

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- 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$770.00 large entity; \$385.00 small entity)

ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other

b.  $\boxtimes$  Check in the amount of \$770.00 enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

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## **AMENDMENT** 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated July 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper, and Applicants respectfully request that the Remarks and Arguments be considered in their entirety.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 22 of this paper.